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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NSA/PO56/A32

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: ICBM Search in Area of Syktyvkar, USSR

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement NSA/PO56/R-64/63-KH
(b) CIA/PID Project C 1230-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 30 August 1963 requesting a 25 nautical mile radius search for ICBM activity in the vicinity of Syktyvkar, USSR.

2. A thorough search was made of subject area utilizing late good quality photography. In view of several indicators strengthening the possibility of missile activity, the search radius was increased to 40 nautical miles. No actual signatures of missile launch or support complexes were noted. A new rail line has been constructed from a point north of Aykino (62-13N 50-01E) to Syktyvkar. Negation is impossible, as earliest coverage was [REDACTED] This rail was constructed at considerable expense, with numerous trestles and fills. The line terminates at Syktyvkar in six or seven spurs. Adjacent to the spurs is a rather large apartment-type housing development. The small military-type secured areas are in the immediate vicinity. Logging and related forestry activities were noted throughout the entire area. Numerous good quality roads terminate at isolated log concentration points. Several precision surveying efforts are visible. These could be logging related at present, but would yield valuable information for precise geographic placement of future missile activity. In consideration of the above factors, coupled with strong flight activity indications, it is suggested that this area continue to be held suspect.

3. The photo analyst for this project is [REDACTED] and he may be contacted on code 143, [REDACTED] should you have further questions concerning this requirement.

4. This project is considered to be complete.

NGA Review complete